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- Encl:
- (1) Chronological record of Commanders with periods of service
 - (2) Biography and photograph of Rear Admiral Leonard A. Snead II, Commander Fighter Airborne Early Warning Wing, U. S. Pacific Fleet
 - (3) List of subordinate COMFITA EWINGPAC units and home ports
 - (4) Pertinent facts concerning command
 - (5) Events and listings of historical significance during the period 1 January 1975 through 31 December 1975
 - (6) Basic narrative of significant events

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (6) are submitted.

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COMMAND HISTORY

CHRONOLOGICAL RECORD OF COMMANDERS WITH PERIODS OF SERVICE

Enclosure (1)

CHRONOLOGICAL RECORD OF COMMANDERS WITH PERIODS OF SERVICE

COMMANDER	DATES
CAPT E. B. Holley, USN	15 July 1965 to 15 August 1965
CAPT S. W. Vejtasa, USN	15 August 1965 to 7 June 1968
CAPT C. N. Conatser, USN	7 June 1968 to 30 June 1970
CAPT A. B. Smith, Jr., USN	30 June 1970 to 28 June 1972
CAPT W. E. Cross, USN	28 June 1972 to 31 August 1972
CAPT L. S. Lamoreaux, USN	31 August 1972 to 12 July 1974
RADM Leonard A. Snead II	12 July 1974 to present

Enclosure (1)

COMMAND HISTORY

BIOGRAPHY AND PHOTOGRAPH OF REAR ADMIRAL LEONARD A. SNEAD II
COMMANDER, FIGHTER AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING WING,
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

Enclosure (2)



Re Admiral Leonard A. Snead
United States Navy

Leonard Alexander Snead II graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy in 1946. After graduation he joined the USS SPOKANE and in January 1949 was detached for flight training at Pensacola and was designated a Naval Aviator in 1950. Following service, which extended to February 1953, with Patrol Squadron FORTY-FIVE, he returned to the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, where he was a flight instructor until December 1955. He next reported as Flag Lieutenant to Commander Carrier Division THREE, and in November 1957 was assigned to Heavy Attack Squadron SIX.

In August 1959 he reported to the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island. He was then assigned to the Naval Air Test Center, and attended the Naval Test Pilot School from June 1960 to March 1961. He remained at Patuxent until July 1963, served as Project Pilot in the Flight Test Division and Head of the Flying Qualities and Performance Branch. In July 1963 he assumed command of Attack Squadron SEVENTY FIVE which was the Navy's first A-6A Fleet Squadron. He led the "Sunday Puncher's" of VA-75 in strikes against targets in North and South Vietnam operating from the USS Independence. In August 1965 he transferred to command of the A-6 CRAW - Attack Squadron FORTY-TWO. He joined the USS INDEPENDENCE (CVA-62) as Operations Officer in June 1966. That attack aircraft carrier deployed to the Mediterranean and was engaged in unit and NATO operations with the SIXTH Fleet.

During the period June 1967 to August 1969 he was Program Coordinator in the Aviation Requirements Branch, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, after which he commanded the USS DIAMOND HEAD (AE-19). In November 1970 he assumed command of the USS FORRESTAL (CVA-59) and in July 1971 was detached for duty as Project Manager of the F-14/Phoenix, Naval Air Systems Command Headquarters, Washington, D. C. He was selected for flag rank in April 1971.

COMMAND HISTORY

SUBORDINATE COMFITAEWINGPAC UNITS AND HOME PORTS

Enclosure (3)

LIST OF SUBORDINATE COMFITAEWINGPAC UNITS AND HOME PORTS

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>HOME PORT</u>
Naval Air Station Miramar	
Attack Carrier Air Wings (CVW) 2, 7, 8, 11, 14, 15 (ADDU CFAWP)	NAS Miramar
Attack Carrier Air Wings (CVW) 9, 19, 21 (ADDU CFAWP)	
Attack Carrier Air Wing 5	NAS Lemoore
Fighter Squadrons (VF) 1, 2, 21, 24, 51, 111, 114, 154, 191, 194, 211, 213, 301, 302 (ADDU CFAWP)	Yokosuka
Fighter Squadrons (VF-RAG) 121, 124, 126	NAS Miramar
Light Photographic Squadron (VFP) 63	NAS Miramar
Fleet Composite Squadron (VC) 7	NAS Miramar
Fleet Composite Squadron (VC) 1	NAS Miramar
Carrier Airborne Early Warning Training Squadron (RVAW) 110	NAS Barbers Point
Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAW) 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117 (ADDU CFAWP)	NAS Miramar
Air Development Squadron (VX) 4	NAS Miramar
Guided Missile Unit (GMU) 41	NAS Point Mugu
NAMTRADET	NAS Point Mugu
NAESU	NAS Miramar
NARDET	NAS Miramar
Navy Fighter Weapons School (NFWS)	NAS Miramar

COMMAND HISTORY

PERTINENT FACTS CONCERNING COMMAND

Enclosure (4)

ROSTER OF OFFICERS

<u>CODE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>
00	RADM Leonard A. SNEAD II	Commander
01	CAPT Louis C. PAGE Jr.	Chief of Staff
002	LCDR (b) (6)	Plans/Base Dev/Logistics
10	LT (b) (6)	Aide and Flag LT
	LCDR (b) (6)	Admin Officer
34	CDR	E-2 Training .
38	LT (b) (6)	Schedules/Services
37	LCDR	F-14 Management System
	CDR	SER
71	LT (b) (6)	
41	CWC	Maintenance Control Officer
	LT	Supply Logistics Officer
70H	CDR	
	LT	VAW Maintenance
314	CDR	
76	LCD (b) (6)	Readiness Training
30	CDR	IWSR/EW TECH Officer
011	CDR	OPS Officer
35	LCD	Judge Advocate
33	LCD	EW Officer
60	LCD	AIO/SERE/PHOTO Officer
40	LT	Personnel Officer
312	CDR	Supply Officer
80.1	LT (b) (6)	F-4 Readiness Training
	LCDR (b) (6)	ASST Safety Officer
80	CDR (b) (6)	
100	LCD (b) (6)	Safety Officer
	(b) (6)	F-14 ILS Officer
017	LT (b) (6)	
73	LT	First LT
70	CDR (b) (6)	Avionics Weapons Officer
50	LCDR	Maintenance Officer
	LCDR	FRAMP Officer
		Maintenance Support Officer

Enclosure (4)

ENLISTED ROSTER AS OF 31 DECEMBER 1975:

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COMMAND HISTORY

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS DURING 1975

Enclosure (5)

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS DURING 1975

7 Feb	Secretary Clements visits.
26 Feb	FAA Facility scores 300 grand.
1 Apr	VF-142 and VF-143 depart for NAS Oceana
19 May	VF-1 and 2 return from deployment.
5 Jun	VF-96 makes last flight.
12 Jun	VF-92 makes last flight.
13 Jun	Official groundbreaking for the recreation renovation project.
3 Jul	VF-51 and 111 return from deployment.
7 Jul	Hawkeyes arrive.
31 Jul	Change of command.
13 Aug	Visit of Astronauts.
5-6 Oct	Air Show.
15 Oct	VF-154 wins safety award.
17 Oct	Dedication of new hush house.
26 Oct	CVW-21 returns.
31 Oct	EMT program offered here.
23 Nov	CVW-30 change of command and new hangar dedication.
26 Nov	VF-121, VF-111 and VAW-115 win CNO safety award.
1 Dec	MAD decommissioned.
12 Dec	Fighter Squadron 211 gets first Tomcat.
14 Dec	VF-114 and VF-213 return from deployment.

Enclosure (5)

COMMAND HISTORY

BASIC NARRATIVE OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

Enclosure (6)

SECRETARY CLEMENTS VISITS
(7 February)

Deputy Defense Secretary William P. Clements, Jr. visited MIRAMAR today to fly in the F-14 Tomcat, piloted by the commanding officer of Fighter Squadron 124, CDR Pete Kellaway. The number two man in the Defense Department described the flight as "marvelous" and said, "The F-14 is everything it is stated to be."

FAA FACILITY SCORES 300 GRAND
(26 February)

The MIRAMAR based Federal Aviation Administration facility rang in "300 grand" at 12:52 p.m. today. The 300,000th aircraft instrument operation controlled by San Diego Approach is the FAA facility's first time in attaining the amount within a twelve month time frame, and it qualified the agency to be upgraded to a level IV radar facility. The MIRAMAR based FAA controls all instrument flights in the local San Diego area, normally one thousand plus aircraft on a daily basis.

GHOSTRIDERS, PUKIN' DOGS LEAVE MIRAMAR
(1 April)

On the first of April, Fighter Squadrons 142 and 142, the newest F-14 Tomcat squadrons, officially changed homeport to NAS Oceana, Virginia.

VF-1 AND VF-2 RETURN FROM FIRST DEPLOYMENT
(19 May)

CVW-14 staff, VF-1 and VF-2 returned from their first cruise today and it was a long one - eight months with the Seventh Fleet, during which the squadrons covered more than 80,000 miles in the Pacific and Indian Oceans, and contributed 1,700 sorties in the Carrier Air Wing's nearly 15,000 flight hours. Wolfpack and Bounty Hunters flew daily training sorties to sharpen air combat skills in the Tomcat during the deployment, including gunnery air combat maneuvering, radar intercept training and escort missions.

VF-96 MAKES LAST FLIGHT
(5 June)

The VF-96 Fighting Falcons made their last flight from NAS MIRAMAR today, Thursday, June 5. The squadron officially will decommission as of 30 June. VF-96 has a colorful history, including the fact that they are the only Navy fighter squadron to produce Vietnam Aces.

LAST FLIGHT OF VF-92
(12 June)

The last entry in the proud history of the Silverkings shows that on 12 June, 1975, VF-92 launched the last of its commissioned life. The

squadron was commissioned at NAS Alameda on March 26, 1952 and decommissioned officially 30 June 1975. During the last 23 years, the Silverkings have flown from the decks of twelve different aircraft carriers, from the USS VALLEY FORGE to the USS CONSTELLATION, on all the seas of the earth.

OFFICIAL GROUNDBREAKING FOR THE RECREATION RENOVATION PROJECT
(13 June)

CAPTAIN Thomas Moore, Executive Officer, NAS MIRAMAR, officially broke ground for the Recreation Renovation Project today. The project, which includes two new, much needed, handball/racquetball courts, expanded men's locker and shower facilities and a new exercise room, will commence June 16 and is scheduled to be completed on October 15.

VF-51 and VF-111 RETURN
(3 July)

Attack Carrier Air Wing 15's fighter squadrons returned to MIRAMAR this week from a Wespac deployment aboard USS CORAL SEA. The squadrons and Detachment 5 of VFP-63, also returning, played a major role in two operations of international importance, evacuation of South Vietnam and the recovery of the U.S. merchant ship SS Mayaguez. One of the high points of the cruise was a two day CORAL SEA-Olongapo Barrio Festival at Subic Bay, Philippines, attended by thousands of CORAL SEAmens and local citizens. The ship provided \$6,300 in tuition funds to enable 63 Philippine students to attend school. Also, a visit was paid to Perth, Australia before returning to the United States.

HAWKEYES ARRIVE
(7 July)

The first five E-2 Hawkeye "Hummers" to move from North Island to MIRAMAR arrived today. Upon arriving the Hawkeyes flew in and lined up in front of Base Operations, where skippers and crews disembarked and came forward to be officially welcomed by Commander Fighter Airborne Early Warning Wing, Pacific Fleet, RADM Leonard A. Snead and NAS MIRAMAR Commanding Officer, CAPT Billy D. Franklin.

CHANGE OF COMMAND
(31 July)

CAPT Donald B. Pringle relieved CAPT Billy D. Franklin during a Change of Command ceremony at 10:00 a.m., 31 July, on the parade ground. CAPT Pringle returns to a familiar duty station, as he served with various squadrons in the 60s and again in 1972. CAPT Franklin retires after a 26 year Navy career. Present for the ceremony were RADM Filmore B. Gilkeson, Commandant, Eleventh Naval District, who was guest speaker and CAPT Louis C. Page, Chief of Staff, COMFITAEEWINCPAC.

ASTRONAUTS VISIT
(15 August)

Navy astronauts CAPT Joseph P. Kerwin, CDR Thomas K. Mattingly II and CDR Robert L. Crippen visited MIRAMAR for a day of briefings to update them on naval aviation. Briefings included E2B, F-4, F-14 and Fighter Weapons School visits.

AIR SHOW
(5-6 October)

The annual Navy Birthday Air Show took place October 5 and 6 and was a complete success drawing crowds in excess of 100,00 both days. Performances by the Blue Angels, Navy Parachute Team, Joe Hughes, Carolyn Salisbury, Jim Lasley and Bill Merrill, Art Scholl and demonstrations by pilots from MIRAMAR in various types of jet aircraft highlighted the show.

BLACK KNIGHTS WIN SAFETY AWARD
(15 October)

Fighter Squadron 154 has been awarded the annual COMNAVAIRPAC Aviation Safety Award for Fiscal Year 75 by Commander Naval Air Force, Pacific Fleet, Vice Admiral Baldwin. The squadron flew a total of 3142 hours during this period with no aircraft accidents.

HUSH HOUSE DEDICATION
(17 October)

Naval Air Station Miramar opened a new era of aviation at 9:00 a.m. today in a quiet ceremony to inaugurate a new sound suppression facility. Present for the occasion were Congressmen Bob Wilson and Clair Burgener, RADM L. A. Snead, COMFITAEEWINGPAC, and CAPT D. B. Pringle, MIRAMAR's Commanding Officer. The new noise suppression facility is a multi-purpose acoustical enclosure to provide for engine testing of A-4, F-4, F-8 and F-14 aircraft without allowing the resultant noise to escape into the atmosphere. Built at a cost of \$1.7 million, it is the first of its kind in the United States. It will be able to accommodate all jet fighters, plus some other tactical aircraft currently operating with the Fleet.

CVW-21 RETURNS
(26 October)

VF-24, VF-211, and VFP-63 Det 1 returned from deployment with CVW-21 in USS HANCOCK. It marked the final deployment in the venerable F-8 Crusader for the two fighter squadrons, who will transition to the F-14A Tomcat and be assigned to CVW-9 for duty with USS CONSTELLATION.

EMT PROGRAM OFFERED HERE
(31 October)

The Aviation Physiology Training Unit, as an integral branch of the Naval Regional Medical Center, based at NAS MIRAMAR has instituted a new emergency Medical Technician program designed to qualify Navy Hospital Corpsmen as certified Emergency Medical Technicians. This was initiated to qualify sufficient personnel in the area to comply with a recently enacted California State law requiring all ambulance drivers and attendants be EMT certified. The NAS MIRAMAR based EMT program is presently concentrating on providing training for Hospital Corpsmen stationed at Dispensaries located throughout the Naval Regional Medical Center area as well as the staff at Balboa Hospital.

NAVAL RESERVES ANNOUNCE DOUBLEHEADER
(23 November)

The Chief of Naval Reserve was guest speaker for doubleheader ceremonies making the dedication of a multi-million dollar hangar at NAS MIRAMAR and Change of Command for Air Wing 30 at 3 p.m. today. A unique feature of the ceremonies was the performance of the members of the House of Scotland Pipe Band, a Scottish bagpiping troupe from Balboa Park. Situated on the far west end of MIRAMAR's sprawling acreage, the hangar becomes the home of Fighter Squadrons 301 and 302, flying F-4 Phantoms. It will also house the Naval Air Reserve Detachment. Dignitaries present included Vice Admiral Pierre N. Charbonnet, the Naval Reserve's top official from New Orleans and CAPT James Pavell, CO of the Naval Air Reserve Unit.

THREE MIRAMAR SQUADRONS RECEIVE CNO SAFETY AWARD
(26 November)

Three MIRAMAR squadrons received the Chief of Naval Operations Annual Aviation Safety Award for Fiscal Year 1975. They are VF-111 Sundowners, VF-121 Pacemakers and VAW-115 Liberty Bells. The squadrons were lauded in a message from COMNAVAIRPAC which said, "Congratulations and well done to the FY-75 winners. Your achievements are indicative of dedicated management, dynamic command attention and an active awareness for safety."

MARINE AIR DETACHMENT DECOMMISSIONED
(1 December)

The decision of the U. S. Marine Corps to withdraw from the F-14A Tomcat program culminated in the decommissioning of the Marine Air Detachment. The MAD remained in operation for some months after the decision was reached to assist in the orderly transfer of personnel and the buildup of Navy personnel to assume all training and maintenance functions in the F-14A Fleet Readiness Squadron.

FIGHTER SQUADRON 211 GETS TOMCAT
(12 December)

The squadrons first F-14 Tomcat was delivered to the Checkmates this week. Fighter Squadrons 24 and 211 have completed F-14 training and received the first of their new aircraft. Previously F-8 Crusaders were assigned to the squadrons.

VF-114 AND VF-213 RETURN
(14 December)

Fighter Squadrons 114 and 213 returned today from seven month deployment to Wespac that covered 33,000 miles. Port-of-call visits were made to Hong Kong, Honolulu, Yokosuka, Japan and Subic Bay, P.I. during the 214 day cruise. In addition to participation in many operational exercises, numerous undertakings by the KITTY HAWK crewmen displayed the importance of the Navy as an instrument to maintain good community/world relations. Among these were the painting of a 200 year old church in the Philippines and a six day "mini fair" hosted on the hangar deck in a successful effort to obtain enough money from the sale of Philippine jewelry and other goods to build an addition to an elementary school near the Subic Bay naval base. After a stand down period the squadrons will begin F-14 transition and training.